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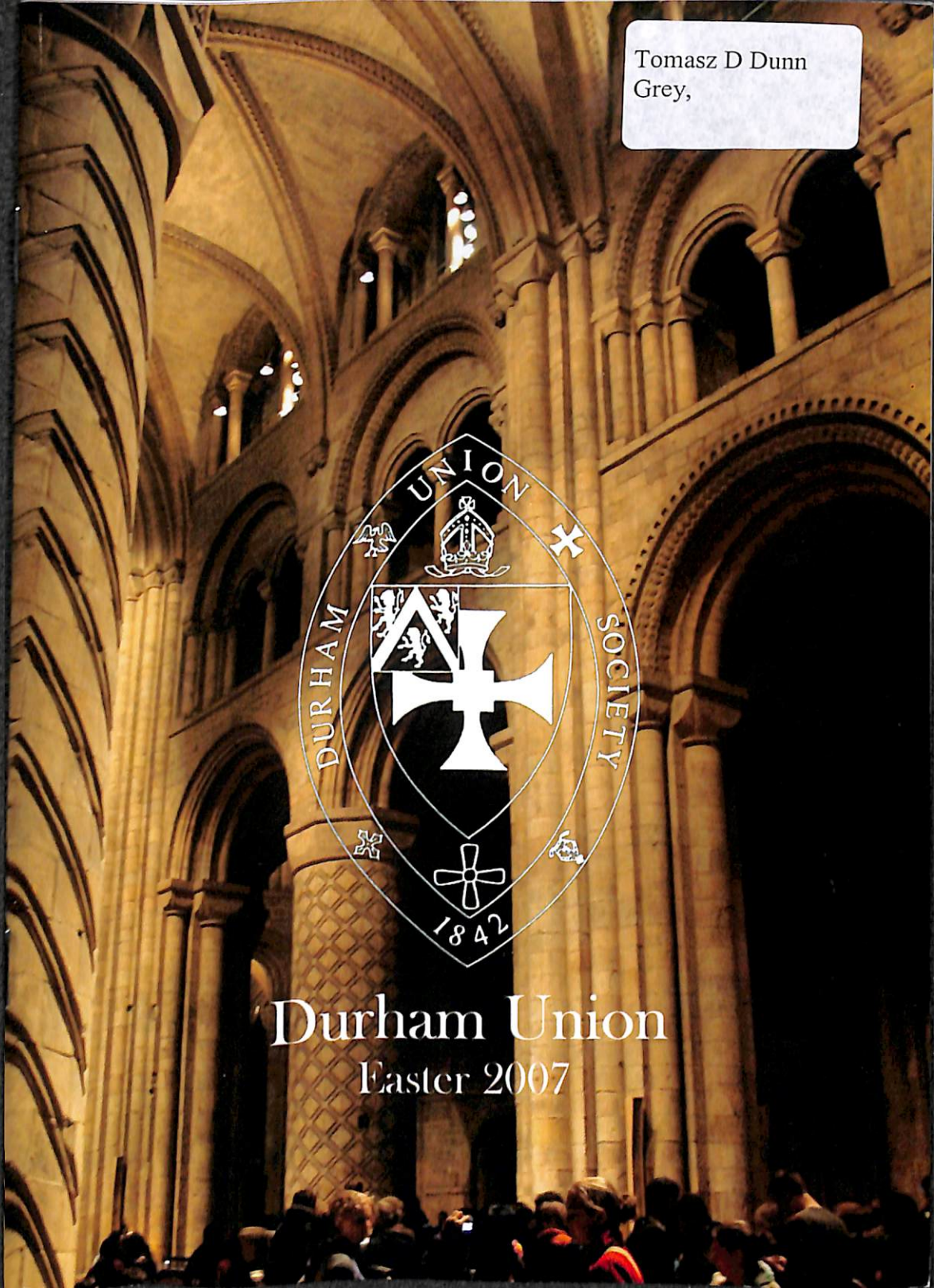

Durham Union

Easter 2007

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You've been there on a bar crawl, now try it on its own!

New drinks ranges including shots and continental beers; with all your old favourites too

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7pm - 12pm Friday and Saturday

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WELCOME

With glorious summer weather just around the corner, I hope that the Union can help you make much more of the upcoming Easter term than just fear of exams.

We've more fun, frolics and action-packed debates coming up than you can shake a beach umbrella at. Our headline debate sees some excellent speakers tackle the claims of Christianity in what should be an engaging and revealing evening. Then it's the Robson Cup - the Durham Union's hunt for the best individual speaker in town. As the old lottery slogan used to go: "It could be you." After exams, we move to an issue that I know will arouse strong feelings from many: the question of whether pornography should be considered degrading to women. We round off with talking about one of the trickiest constitutional issues of the day: House of Lords reform.

But we want you to let your hair down too. As always, the legendary Union Society garden party will make a return to the garden of 24 North Bailey. We're also planning yet another FREE members' drinks event and more bar quizes, so keep an eye on the emails and don't miss out.

As part of our aim to give back as much as we can to members, the Sponsorship Committee has been working hard with local businesses to secure some great deals in conjunction with your membership card. Get the most out of it and take a look on page 18.

Have a fantastic summer and good luck in the exams.

Fred Küchlin
St Aidan's
President

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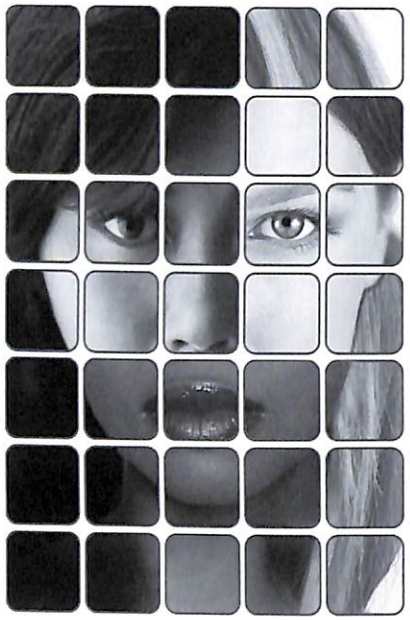

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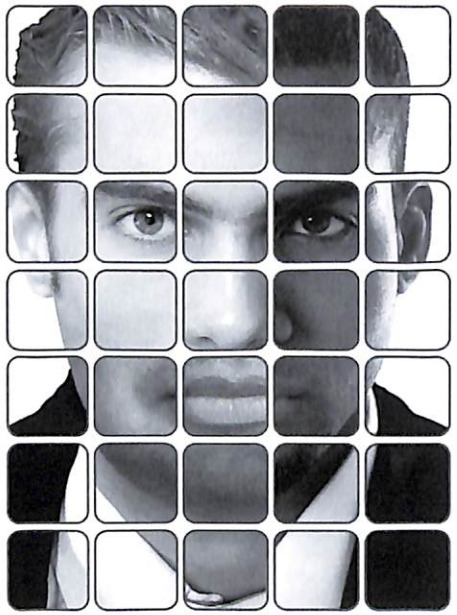

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CHRIST

This House Believes that Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life

Proposition

The Rev. Brian Smith
Bishop of Edinburgh

Professor Richard Swinburne
University of Oxford

Pastor Don McFarlane
President of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in the UK

Opposition

Dr Stephen Law
Editor, "Think" Journal, Royal Institute of Philosophy

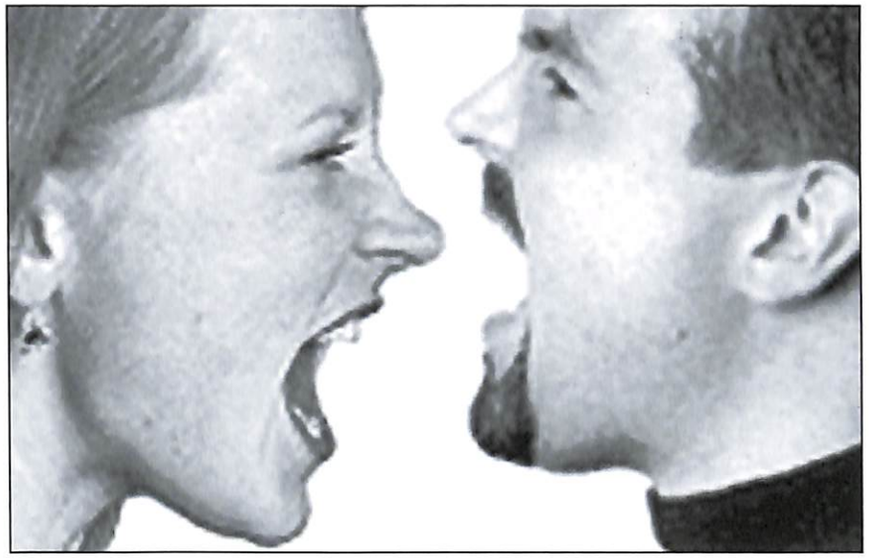
Professor Stuart Sim
University of Sunderland

Thomas Ball
Dedicated Atheist

8.30pm, The Chamber, Palace Green. 27th April 2007, Members Only.

THE ROBSON CUP

Who is the Best Debater in Durham?



The Robson Cup is our search for the best individual speaker in Durham. The preliminary rounds will take place on Monday 1st of May in Elvet Riverside. The motion is still to be confirmed.

Proposition

You?

Opposition

You?

8.30pm, The Chamber, Palace Green. 4th May 2007, Members Only.

PORNOGRAPHY

This House Believes that Pornography is Degrading to Women

Proposition	Opposition
Frances Curran Scottish Socialist party	Martin Daubney Editor Loaded Magazine
Elaine Smith Labour party	TBC

8.30pm, The Chamber, Palace Green. 8th June 2007, Members Only.

HOUSE OF LORDS

Farewell Debate

This House Supports a Fully Elected Second Chamber

Proposition	Opposition
Roberta Blackman-Woods MP for Durham City	Edward Leigh MP for Gainsborough Former Union President
TBC	The Right Hon. Earl of Sandwich Hereditary Peer

8.30pm, The Chamber, Palace Green. 15th June 2007, Members Only.

GET INVOLVED

Getting involved in the organisation of the Durham Union is simple and rewarding. You will be a member of a passionate and pleasant team of people, working together to deliver a quality product to our valued membership.

The first step is to get on to the General Committee (Gen Com). This is easy. Just come to the chamber and put your name down on the noticeboard in the corridor for House Committee or a College Secretary position, and ask any two members to propose and second you. If you have any doubts or questions, don't be afraid to ask any officer.

You will then discharge your duties in your new role and be entitled to attend Gen Com, whereupon you can meet the officers more informally, talk to them, and decide if you want to involve yourself further. If so, consider standing for an officer position.

Gen Com and the office are pleasant, relaxed environments and the people are welcoming. Working with them to improve the Union is fun and very personally rewarding. If you're tempted, we'd love to hear from you!

24 NORTH BAILEY CLUB

The 24 North Bailey Club is the Union Society's very own bar. It differs from ordinary college bars in a number of ways, featuring as it does a much more diverse range of shooters, cocktails and exotic imported beers than most bars you're likely to enter, as well as a unique atmosphere that can be both cosy and lively.

In the Summer we open the doors to our spacious garden, where you can enjoy a warm, lazy evening drink on the picnic tables.

The bar is situated on North Bailey between St John's and St Chad's colleges, so next time you're there, stop in and try a Jelly Baby!

<u>Opening Times</u>
Before Exams: Sunday - Thursday 7pm-11pm
Friday - Saturday 7pm - Midnight
From After Exams (30 May): 4pm-Midnight

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 1 23rd - 29th April	Monday 23 April Term Begins	Tuesday 24 April	Wednesday 25 April Standing Committee	Thursday 26 April	Friday 27 April Debate: Jesus The Chamber, 8.30pm	Saturday 28 April	Sunday 29 April Members' Drinks
Week 2 30 April - 6 May	Monday 30 April	Tuesday 1 May	Wednesday 2 May General Committee The Chamber, 3pm	Thursday 3 May	Friday 4 May Debate: Robson Cup The Chamber, 8.30pm	Saturday 5 May	Sunday 6 May Big Bar Quiz
Week 3 7 - 13 April	Monday 7 May	Tuesday 8 May	Wednesday 9 May Standing Committee	Thursday 10 May	Friday 11 May	Saturday 12 May	Sunday 13 May
Week 4 14 - 20 April	Monday 14 May Exams Start	Tuesday 15 May	Wednesday 16 May	Thursday 17 May	Friday 18 May	Saturday 19 May	Sunday 20 May
Week 5 21 - 27 April	Monday 21 May	Tuesday 22 May	Wednesday 23 May	Thursday 24 May	Friday 25 May	Saturday 26 May	Sunday 27 May
Week 6 28 April - 4 June	Monday 28 May	Tuesday 29 May	Wednesday 30 May	Thursday 31 May	Friday 1 June Exams End	Saturday 2 June	Sunday 3 June
Week 7 5 - 11 June	Monday 4 June	Tuesday 5 June	Wednesday 6 June General Committee The Chamber, 3pm	Thursday 7 June	Friday 8 June Debate: Pornography The Chamber, 8.30pm	Saturday 9 June	Sunday 10 June Big Bar Quiz
Week 8 12 - 18 June	Monday 11 June Garden Party	Tuesday 12 June Presidential Election	Wednesday 13 June Standing Committee	Thursday 14 June	Friday 15 June Debate: Farewell The Chamber, 8.30pm	Saturday 16 June Durham Open Competition	Sunday 17 June
Week 9 19 - 22 June	Monday 18 June	Tuesday 19 June	Wednesday 20 June General Committee The Chamber, 3pm	Thursday 21 June	Friday 22 June END OF TERM	Saturday 23 June	

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Come to 24 North Bailey on Sunday the 29th of April for a drinks event to start the Easter term with a bang!

Members will be treated to free champagne and chocolate all evening - a good way to start a night out, or to spend a cosy Sunday evening. We hope to see you all there!

BIG BAR QUIZZES

The Durham Union's famous Big Bar Quizzes make a triumphant return for the Easter term, on Sunday the 6th of May, and Sunday the 10th of June.

Come and match wits against your fellow members for the possibility of a sizeable cash prize, while enjoying the atmosphere and extensive drinks range of 24 North Bailey.

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GARDEN PARTY

The traditional social highlight of the Easter term returns! The sunny gardens of 24 North Bailey will feature a bouncy castle (naturally), a barbecue, a live jazz band, and copious amounts of Pimm's and champagne.

Celebrate the end of exams in style with good food, good drink, and good entertainment; this event is kindly sponsored by Eversheds law firm so we really have spared no expense!

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MEMBERS' DISCOUNTS

This term, the Durham Union has organised deals with its generous local sponsors, to bring you, our valued membership, a number of special offers. These are the discounts you can enjoy with local businesses as a member of the Union (don't forget to produce your membership card in order to claim these offers):

Age Restaurant (Claypath)	3 courses for the price of 2 on the evening Drivetime menu.
Saks (Market Square)	20% off all haircuts, Monday to Thursday.
Cafe Continental (Elvet Bridge)	WEDNESDAY SPECIAL: £1.95 for tea/coffee, plus cake slice, all day in the Deli. English/Vegetarian Breakfasts (until 11.30) for £2.99.
Subway (Elvet Bridge only)	20% off after 16:00.
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PRESIDENT'S THANKS

The Union is a unique place and it takes some remarkable people to make it work. The thing you learn fastest in this job is how much you need other people to get anything to happen.

First and foremost, Maria Cristina and Brenda: for the endless tolerance, for correcting my mistakes, for the kind advice, for the care, honesty and diligence, I thank you.

Officers give up so much of their time for what can seem so little reward. Seb: you are the stuff this place is made of. Goodness knows what will happen when you graduate. Ian: you are a superb officer and first-rate bloke. The Union next term is more than safe in your hands. Knocky: I can't really imagine why anyone would ever want two jobs at this place, but your devotion is clear. Kathryn: your kindness and intelligence make you a welcome addition to Standing Committee. Gisela: you're a real professional when it comes to social events and a more than worthy successor. Sam: thanks for the sponsorship money and hard work that makes this term possible. Ed: I know you'll make a great Tournaments supremo and a fantastic team player too.

Rob B-S: for the countless letters and long hours in the office, I thank you. Richard: your patience with Quark and with me knows no bounds. Honita: you did a great job as Steward and you're already doing an even better one as Assistant Secretary. Joe: you're a good friend and show tenacity in a tricky job. Phil: your drive and enthusiasm makes you a great person to have on the team. Will Stanley: I'm sure you'll continue to do a great job.

I must also not forget to mention past officers who have done so much to get the Union in the great shape it is today. Connor: you're always a good port of call for advice and a firm friend also. Bainbridge: you've no idea how colourless Durham is going to seem without you. A man couldn't ask for a better proposer. Will Sinton: thanks for the long nights in The Big K. Next time we're in, remind me to have a look for my 'first'; I'm sure I lost it in there somewhere. Matt: your brilliant efforts with sponsors mean that this place still remains in great health. Paul: thanks for helping me learn on the job as social sec. Ali: it's going to be tough to match your term. Rob C: your intelligent contribution is acutely missed. Thanks also must go to Jim for the long nights spent drinking and the many words of advice, and to Lizzie for doing a great job as secretary. I'm now seriously running out of space, but I must thank all the guys on GenCom, especially House Committee and the College Secretaries for the many hours spent doing thankless tasks.

Apologies and special thanks must also go to Anna, Chris and Charlotte for all the support and for not being the flatmate I should have been.

Finally and most importantly, to Mum, Dad, Amalia and Will. I'd never achieve anything without you.

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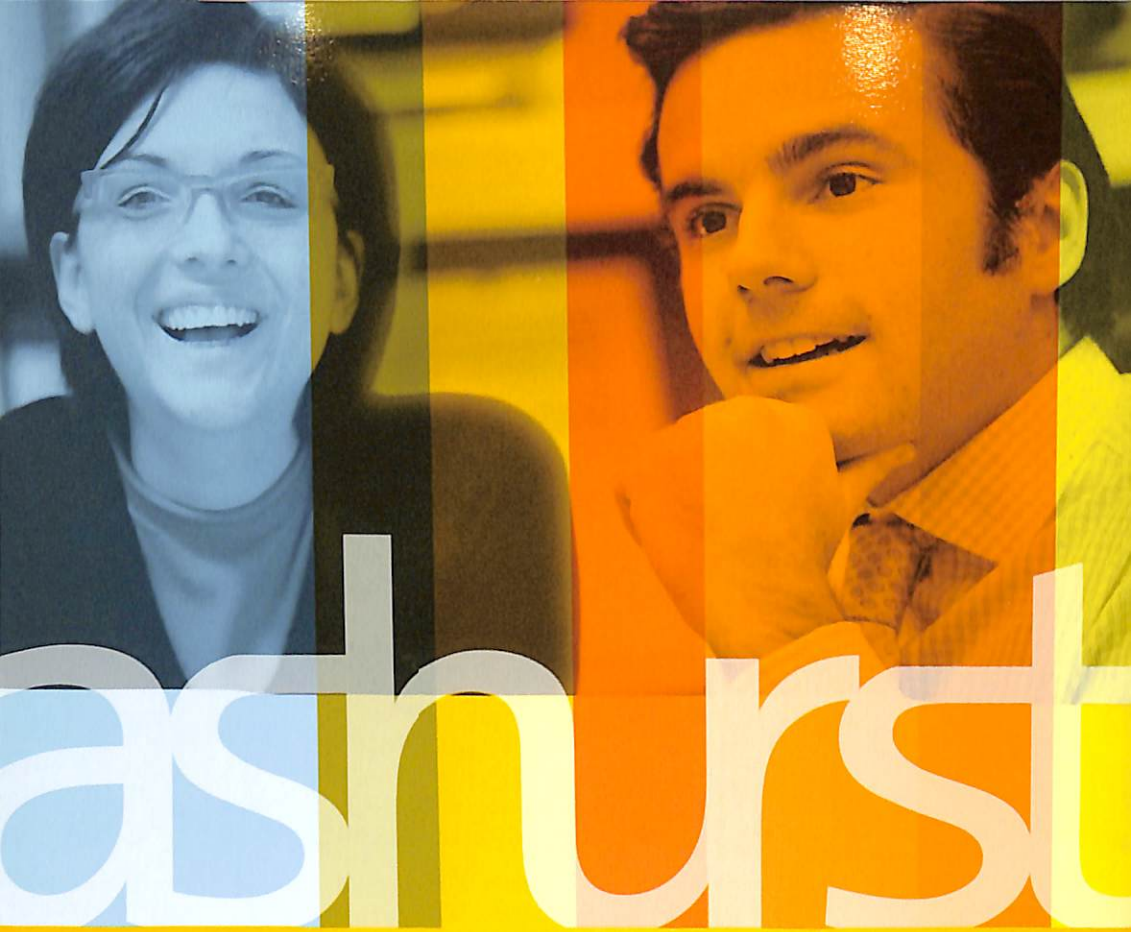

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